so that the Southern States also get their due share of advertisements from the DAVP? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, so far as the Southern States are concerned, you may see ...*(Interruptions)*... Tamil, 1,55,000; Telugu, 1,54,000; Malayalam, 1,31,000; and Kannada, 80,000 ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please, अपनी जगह पर जाइए ....(**व्यवधान**)...Q. No 303. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Projects under NREGA

*303. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of completed projects under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in different States and Union Territories for the year 2006-2007;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to enhance the rates of wages for NREGA works in the context of price-rise;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment on the output of the works so far completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) State-wise details of works along with percentage of completed works during 2006-07 is given in Statement-I *(See* below). Incomplete works of 2006-07 have been continued in 2007-08.

(b) No, Sir. Section 6(1) of the NREG Act provides that the Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for the purposes of the Act. Section 6(2) further provides that until such time a wage rate is fixed by the Central Government in respect of any area in a State, the minimum wage fixed by the State under Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act 1948 for agricultural labourers shall be considered as the wage rate applicable to that area. Central Government has not fixed a wage rate under NREGA for any of the States. Therefore, the minimum wages notified for agricultural labourers under Minimum Wages Act by the State Governments are applicable to NREGA.

(c) and (d) Assessment on the output of projects under NREGA is being done by the Government. Village level Monitoring and Vigilance Committees have been set up to certify the completion of works under the Act. National Level Monitors

(NLMs) have made 219 visits to the 200 phase-I districts and have also visited 113 phase-II districts in which NREGA has been implemented with effect from 1.4.2007. Instructions have been issued to States for inspection of 2% of works at State level, 10% works at District level and 100% works at Block level. Section 17(2) of the Act provides that the Gram Sabha shall conduct regular social audit of all the projects taken up within the Gram Panchayat. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council have participated in the Social Audit of projects conducted in Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu. Instructions have been issued to all the States to complete Social Audit of all the projects within three months.

Statement-I

State-wise details of works during 2006-07

SI. *NO*	States	Works Ongoing	Works Completed	Total Works	Percentage of completed projects
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	133727	87571	221298	39.57
. 2	Arunachal Pradesh	99	397	496	80.04
3.	Assam	5889	9518	15407	61.78
4.	Bihar	32122	29759	61881	48.09
5.	Gujarat	5292	3137	8429	37.22
6.	Haryana	667	985	1652	59.62
7.	Himachal Pradesh	4004	4722	8726	54.11
8	Jammu and Kashmir	1236	722	1958	36.87
9.	Karnataka	7638	11005	18643	59.03
10.	Kerala	285	2756	3041	90.63
11.	Madhya Pradesh	86610	82548	169158	48.80
11	Maharashtra	5568	5324	10892	48.88
13.	Manipur	714	901	1615	55.79
14.	Meghalaya	2074	850	2924	29.07
15.	Mizoram	47	216	263	82.13
16.	Nagaland	4	124	128	96.88
17.	Orissa	32718	18803	51521	36.50
18.	Punjab	579	749	1328	56.40

1	2	3	4	5	6
19.	Rajasthan	13278	8771	22049	39.78
20.	Sikkim	55	103	158	65.19
21.	Tamil Nadu	4506	2213	6719	32.94
22.	Tripura	867	4115	4982	82.60
23.	Uttar Pradesh	32516	42984	75500	56.93
24.	West Bengal	18780	24281	43061	56.39
25.	Chhattisgarh	16358	16105	32463	49.61
26.	Jharkhand	39767	24048	63815	37.68
27.	Uttranchal	2827	4426	7253	61.02
	TOTAL:	448227	387133	835360	.46.34

Note: NREGA has so far not been extended *ti* the State of Goa and any of the

Union Territories. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : सभापति महोदय ....(**व्यवधान**)... माननीय सदस्य ने ठीक सवाल पूछा हैं । ....(**व्यवधान**)... दो करोड़ दस लाख परिवारों को ....(**व्यवधान**)... माननीय सदस्य ने ठीक सवाल पूछा हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)... वाटर कंजर्वेशन एंड वाटर हारवेस्टिंग का ....(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back. ...*(Interruptions)*... .

श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : इस प्रकार से कार्य इस योजना के अंतर्गत किए जा रहे हैं....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री मतिलाल सरकार : मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो महिलाएं मिट्टी उठाने का काम करती हैं, उनके मिनिमम वेज के बारे में ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री रघुवशं प्रसाद सिंह : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं माननीय सदस्य को जानकारी देना चाहता हूं कि NREGA के अंतर्गत हर राज्य का अलग-अलग मिनिमम वेज हैं और वह दिया जा रहा है ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Si., ...*(Interruptions)*... there is ...*(Interruptions)*... corruption in ...*(Interruptions)*... NREGA in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh ...*(Interruptions)*... What mechanism ...*(Interruptions)*... to remove it? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : माननीय सभापति जी, NREGA के तहत हर लेवल पर ....(**व्यवधान**)... inspection की व्यवस्था ग्राम सभा द्वारा प्रोजेक्ट्स का ऑडिट भी किया जाता हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)... इसलिए मैं आश्वस्त करना चाहता हूं कि जहां पर भी इस तरह की शिकायत मिलेगी ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्रीमती वृंदा कारत : सभापति जी, यह दुर्भाग्य का विषय हैं कि 3 सालों के बाद भी हमारे 200 डिस्ट्रिक्ट्स ....(**व्यवधान**)... मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि NREGA पूरे देश के पैमाने पर कब लागू किया जाएगा ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह: माननीय सभापति जी, अभी तक गोवा राज्य और संघ शासित प्रदेशों में NREGA लागू नहीं किया गया हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want the hon. Members to sit down ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... I would like the hon. Members to go back to their seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... The House is adjourned for ten minutes.

The House then adjourned at thirty-seven minutes
past eleven of the clock..

The House re-assembled at forty-seven minutes
past eleven of the clock.
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 304 ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q. No. 305 ...*(Interruptions)*...

* 304. [The questioner (Shri Ajay Singh Chautala) was absent. For answer *vide* page 13 *infra.]*

* 305. [The questioner (Shri Surendra Lath) was absent. For answer *vide* page 13 *infra.]*

* 306. [The questioner (Shri Laxminarayan Sharma) was absent. For anser *vide* page 14 *infra.]*

* 307. [The questioner (s) (Shri Brij Bhushan Tiwari and Shri Janeshwr Mishra) were absent. For anser *vide* page 15 *infra.]*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Question No. 308. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Security in the Indian Ocean

*308. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:††
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is playing a major role in ensuring security in the Indian Ocean with the help of other countries and the US wants to have a more active relationship with the Indian Navy in this regard;

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Shobhana Bhartia.